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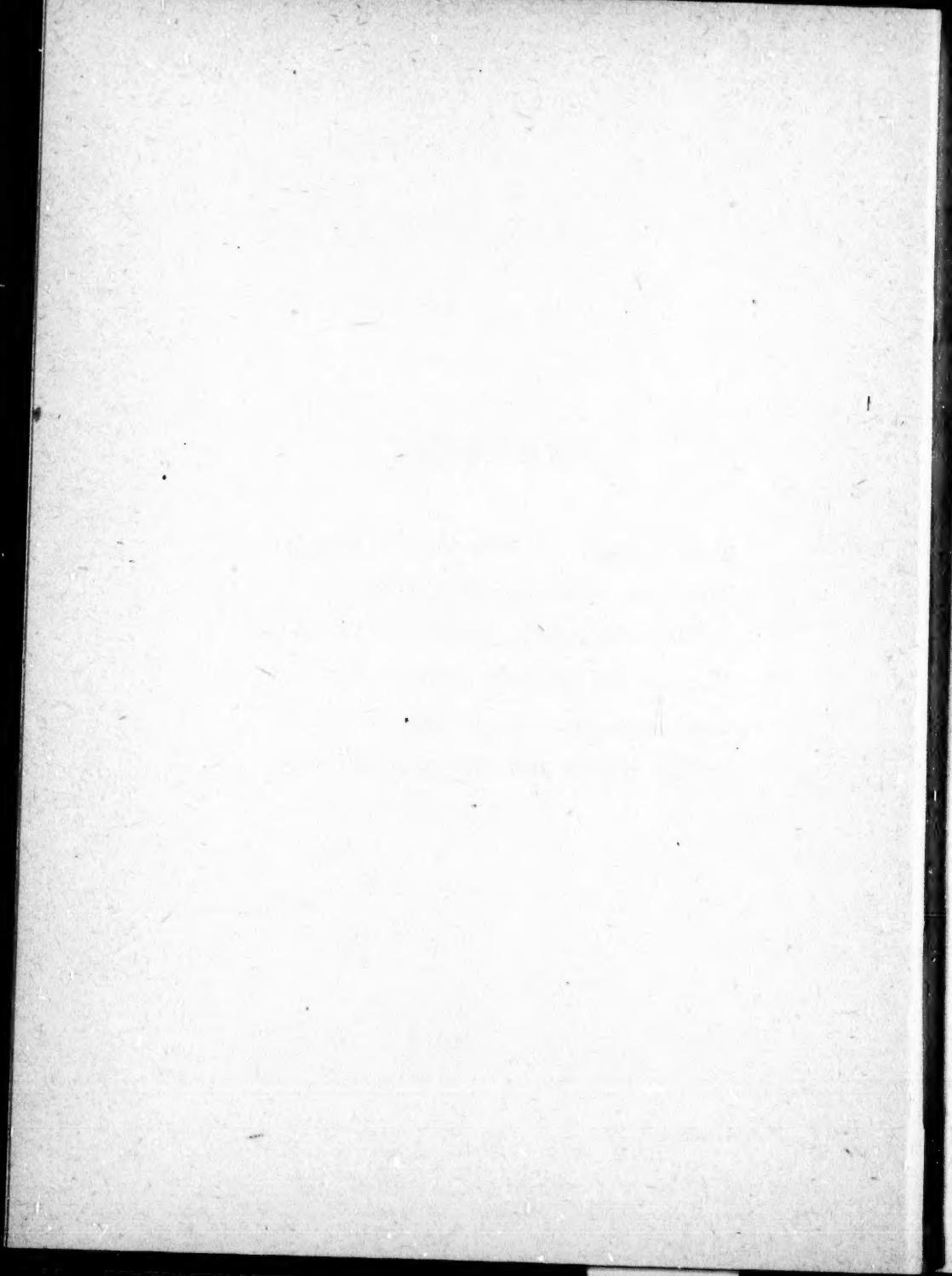
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PREFACE.

This History of the United States
'Tis not pretended higher rates
 Than Bancroft, Barnes or Lossing !
But to the student pressed for time,
This condensation clothed in rhyme
 'Tis hoped will prove a blessing.



HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES IN RHYME.

DISCOVERIES.

About the year ten hundred two,

A. D.
1002.

So Iceland's legends say,

Norwegians saw America

From Greenland to Cape May.

Four hundred years of silence came,

The Northmen's trips had ceased,

When Europe's enterprise sought out

The commerce of the East,

In Christopher Columbus' day,

A Genoese by birth,

Who, studying navigation, guessed

The roundness of the earth,

And said that Asia might be reached
By sailing to the West:
Spain's Ferdinand and Isabel
Gave means to make the test.

They fitted out two caravels,
Columbus bought a third,
Aug. 3, 1492. And sailed from Palos, in old Spain,
With sixscore men on board.

When seventy days of fruitless search
Had wearied out his crew,
Oct. 12, 1492. Columbus saw San Salvador
In fourteen ninety-two.

When Cuba, San Domingo's shore,
And smaller isles were seen,
He carried back to Spain next year
The tidings to the Queen.

John Cabot gained from Henry Seventh
A patent to explore,
And with his son Sebastian found
The coast of Labrador.

July 3, 1497.

Sebastian fourteen ninety-eight

A second voyage made,

And searched to Carolina's shore,

1498.

For purposes of trade.

He afterwards found Hudson's Bay,

1517.

And when King Henry died,

For Spain he voyaged to Brazil,

1526.

And saw La Plata's tide.

Columbus Orinoco saw,

Aug. 10, 1498.

In fourteen ninety-eight,

But rivals sent him home in chains,

To gratify their hate.

The Queen released him, and he sailed

Once more the westward way,

But ere returning she had died

And enemies held sway.

Columbus, suffering from neglect,

At Valladolid died;

May 20, 1506.

His bones beneath Havana's soil,

In Cuba, now abide.

He made four voyages in all,
Formed settlements abroad,
But never knew the magnitude
Of what he had explored.

Discoveries were concealed by Spain,
And jealous rivals hurled
Such calumnies, Columbus lost
The naming of a world.

Americus Vespuclius,
A Florentine, made claim
That he discovered the New World,
And thus it bears his name.

He sailed to South America

1499. In fourteen ninety-nine,
1504. And, five years later, made reports
That favored his design.

Cortereal, for Portugal,
Six hundred miles or more
Of North America explored,
And off to slavery bore

Some fifty of the Indians.

In this unholy strife,

Upon a second rash attempt,

1501.

He forfeited his life.

The Frenchmen came to Newfoundland

1504.

To fish, in fifteen four,

They named Cape Breton and explored

The great St. Lawrence shore.

Some voyagers saw Yucatan,

And, fifteen hundred ten,

Balboa with a colony

Encamped at Darien.

1510.

In fifteen thirteen, he the great

Sept. 29, 1513.

Pacific Ocean spied,

And took possession for old Spain,

Of all its boundless tide.

Juan Ponce De Leon, fifteen twelve,

The Fount of Youth to gain,

Discovering Florida, was made

April 6, 1512.

Its governor by Spain.

1521. But when he came to settle there,
The Indians defied
The Spaniards, who to Cuba fled,
Where Ponce de Leon died.

1517. Then Cordova found Mexico:
Grijalva searched anew,
1519-21. And Cortes conquered Mexico,
Pizarro took Peru.

1520. De Ayllon, seeking Indian slaves,
From San Domingo sailed
To Carolina for his prey;
1525. A second voyage failed.

1523. John Verrazani sailed from France,
In fifteen twenty-three,
And leaving Carolina reached
1524. The fiftieth degree.

1528. Narvaez went to Florida
New settlements to form;
In crazy boats he fled to sea,
And perished in a storm.

De Soto, Cuba's governor, 1539-41.

Came next with crowded ranks;
He marched three thousand miles, and died
On Mississippi's banks.

One half of his six hundred died,
The rest resolved to flee,
And, failing to escape by land,
Built boats and reached the sea.

Jacques Cartier, in thirty-four,

1534.

Two ships took out from France,
And made attempt in Canada
French glory to advance.

Next year he made a second trip,

And on St. Lawrence day,

1535.

Explored the Gulf that took this name
And up its stream made way.

The vessels anchored at Quebec,
And, taking boats, he came
To Hochelaga's Isle, and gave
To Montreal its name.

Again, in fifteen forty-one,

1541. He voyaged to Quebec,

And near the village built a fort,

The Indians to check.

He left ere Roberval appeared,

Who, sent out by the King

1542. To act as viceroy, sailed again

Disheartened, in the spring.

1542. Cabrillo, fifteen forty-two,

Explored by Spain's command,

From Acapulco, steering north,

Along the Western land.

Coligny, Admiral of France,

A place of refuge planned

For persecuted Huguenots

Within the Western land.

A squadron under Ribault sailed

1562. And reached Port Royal Bay;

A colony of twenty-six

Decided there to stay.

To honor Charles the Ninth, the land
Was Carolina styled;

But failing to receive supplies,
They left the Western wild.

Another expedition came,
Led by Laudonniere,

To the St. John's, in Florida,
And built a fortress there.

This rousing Spanish jealousy,
Melendez brought a crew,

Who, settling at St. Augustine,
Nine hundred Frenchmen slew.

A fiery Gascon named De Gourges,
In anger crossed the seas,

Secured two hundred prisoners
And hung them to the trees.

He fled, and Spain retained the land;
St. Augustine thus rates

The oldest town existing now
Within the United States.

1564.

1565.

1576-77. For gold, and northwest passages
To reach East Indian trade,
Three unsuccessful voyages
By Frobisher were made.

1578-80. In seventy-nine, Sir Francis Drake
Passed California's coast ;
And John de Fuca, later on,
Still further search could boast.

Sir Humphrey Gilbert for his queen
Made claim to Newfoundland ;
His little vessel of ten tons
Went down with all its band.

1583. Then Walter Raleigh for himself,
With patents to explore,
Sent Amidas and Barlow out
To Carolina's shore.

The land was called Virginia
By England's virgin queen,
And Raleigh, knighted, sent more ships
To settle his demesne.

Sir Richard Grenville led the fleet

1585.

And founded Roanoke;

But Indian hostility

They managed to provoke,

And after suffering much distress,

Were eager to forsake

The colony, and go on board

The ships of Francis Drake.

1586.

They scarce had sailed when ships arrived

With bountiful supplies;

And Grenville landed fifteen men

To hold the enterprise.

Then Raleigh sent more emigrants

With Governor White, who found

1587.

The bones of all the fifteen men

Exposed upon the ground.

Returning home to get supplies,

He left a hundred there,

Among whom was the first born child

They called Virginia Dare.

1590. Three years elapsed before John White
The settlement regained;
The colony had disappeared,
No vestige then remained.

Sir Walter sent five different times,
But never found a trace;
'Tis thought they joined the Indians,
And mingled with their race.

1602. Gosnold, in sixteen hundred two,
Explored and named Cape Cod;

1603. Then Martin Pring, and Weymouth next,
1605. Maine's territory trod.

VIRGINIA.

The chartered London Company,
A settlement to form,
Sent Newport out to Roanoke,
But, driven by a storm,
He found the Bay of Chesapeake,
Up the James River came,

May twenty-third, in sixteen seven;

May 23, 1607.

Thus Jamestown took its name.

Gosnold, projector of the plan,

And half the settlers died;

The rulers proving weak and bad,

John Smith was wisely tried.

He organized the colony,

But, travelling through the land,

Was captured, and two men were slain

By savage Indian bands.

Condemned to die, his life was saved

By Pocahontas' love,

Who, clinging to his neck, detained

The clubs that swung above.

The settlement was reinforced

With idle gentlemen;

An accident made Smith go home;

Disaster followed then;

And as the starving colonists

Were sailing far away,

Lord Delaware with full supplies
1610. Arrived within the bay.
Then Gates came out with working men,
1611. Prosperity returned ;
Fair Pocahontas married Rolfe ;
1613 Powhatan's love was earned.
By emigration every year,
The State was firmly planted ;
1621. King James, in sixteen twenty-one,
A constitution granted.

NEW ENGLAND—MASSACHUSETTS.

The Plymouth Company resolved
New lands abroad to gain ;
An unsuccessful settlement
1607. George Popham made in Maine.
In sixteen fourteen, brave John Smith
1614. The region well explored,
And, naming it New England, sailed
To spread its fame abroad.

He came to form a colony

With sixteen men next year,

But, captured by French pirates, lost

1615.

His ship and all its gear.

The persecuted Puritans

Away from England fled ;

John Robinson, in sixteen eight,

1608.

His faithful followers led

To Leyden, where they formed a church

And heard Dutch sailors tell

Of favored lands across the sea,

Where they in peace might dwell.

An embassy, to England sent,

Got leave to colonize,

And London merchants furnished means

To purchase their supplies.

Although the *Speedwell's* courage failed,

The *Mayflower* spread her sails

At Plymouth, with a hundred souls,

Sept. 6, 1620.

And braved the Atlantic gales.

They sailed nine weeks and safely reached
The harbor of Cape Cod,
Rejoicing in a land that gave
Freedom to worship God.

They gathered in the cabin there,
A constitution wrote,
And made John Carver governor,
By universal vote.

They set their feet on Plymouth Rock,
1620. December twenty-second,
In sixteen twenty; from this date
The settlement is reckoned.

The governor and nearly half
Of all the little nation,
Ere summer came had lost their lives
Through sickness and privation.

1621. Their hopes were dull, when Samoset,
An Indian chief, appeared,
And shouting, "Welcome, Englishmen!"
Their drooping spirits cheered.

A treaty, formed with Massassoit,
For fifty years was kept;
And Bradford thirty years was made
The ruler's place to accept.

A colony, at Weymouth formed,
Aroused the Indian foe;
Miles Standish to the rescue came

1623.

In time to avert the blow.

John Endicott, with five score men,
To Salem came to stay,
And there he formed the colony
Of Massachusetts Bay.

1628.

Next year "three godly ministers"
Two hundred settlers brought
From England, and on Charlestown Neck
A residence they sought.

1629.

John Winthrop fifteen hundred brought,
In sixteen hundred thirty,
And Boston, with its neighboring towns,
Was settled by this party.

1630.

1635. Three thousand settlers came one year,
Among them Henry Vane,

1636. Who served a year as governor
And sailed for home again.
The Puritans most highly prized
The freedom they had bought,
But yet denied to other men
The liberty of thought.
In Salem, Roger Williams preached
That rulers had no right
To dictate in religious things,
Man's conscience is his light.

1635. He, banished, fled to wintry wilds
Where savages abounded;
Canonicus then gave him land;
Rhode Island thus was founded.

1637. Anne Hutchinson's peculiar creed
Caused Boston much dissension;
Imprisonment, then banishment,
Were meted by convention.

New England's colonies were joined, 1643.

In sixteen forty-three,

Except Rhode Island, which had failed

With Plymouth to agree.

Ten Quakers, who had crossed the sea,

Were back to England shipped, 1656.

But others came, and, for their faith,

Were hanged, imprisoned, whipped.

But when the persecutions ceased, 1661.

The Quaker zeal was staid,

And seconding John Eliot's work,

They gave the Indians aid.

Good Massassoit kept the peace,

By English growth made sore,

His son the friendly treaties broke,

And waged King Philip's war. 1675.

New England's fiercest Indian tribes

This wrathful chieftain led,

And fearful slaughter raged a year,

Till Church cut off his head. 1676.

Two judges, who condemned Charles First,

Were sheltered in the land;

1660. This brought a Navigation Act

From Charles the Second's hand.

It favored England in their trade,

And hindered foreign barter,

1683. And Charles, to gain control, annulled

The Massachusetts charter.

1686. James Second all New England's States

A royal province made,

1686. Sir Edmund Andros was sent out

The government to aid.

But when King James had lost his throne,

This tyrant went to jail,

1689. And Boston's patriots sent him home,

With fifty more, by sail.

In three years more Sir William Phipps

1692. Was sent his place to fill;

New England's colonies remained

A royal province still.

Belief in witchcraft cursed the land
In sixteen ninety-two;
Wise Cotton Mather and great men
Declared the doctrine true.
In Salem persecution raged,
In jail were hundreds flung,
By torture fifty-five confessed,
And twenty folks were hung.

1692.

NEW YORK.

The Dutch sent Henry Hudson out,
Who came to New York Bay,
And up the river Hudson made
For sixty leagues his way.

1609.

In sixteen thirteen Adrian Block
First Hell Gate's passage made;
And many ships then came to seek
The fur and peltry trade.

1613.

The Dutch East India Company,
In sixteen twenty-three,

1623.

Sent thirty families of Walloons

With May across the sea.

These people were French Protestants

Who into Holland fled;

1626. Eight families formed Albany,

The rest at Brooklyn stayed.

In twenty-six came Minuit,

Dutch power to augment;

The Indians sold Manhattan Isle,

Ten acres for a cent.

Fierce warfare with the Indians

Gave twenty years of care;

1655. The Dutch by force of arms subdued

The Swedes of Delaware.

1664. An English fleet arrived in port,

In sixteen sixty-four,

Demanding for the Duke of York

Surrender of the shore.

The Council yielded up the place

Against Stuyvesant's pleas;

The English flag above New York

Then floated on the breeze.

The Dutch, in sixteen seventy-three,

1673.

Through treason gained the town;

But gave it, after sixteen months,

Again to England's crown.

The tyranny of governors

Made Leisler take the rule,

Whom Sloughter most unjustly hung,

1691.

By liquor made a fool.

Against West India pirate craft

They sent out Captain Kidd,

1699.

Who hoisted up the pirate's flag,

"And wickedly he did."

In politics the Democrats

Were led by Rip Van Dam,

1732.

And party strife, for many years,

Kept passions in a flame.

The people feared the "Negro Plot,"

1741.

To burn New York for gold,

And nearly eighty colored folks
Were hanged, or burned, or sold.

MARYLAND.

Lord Maryland secured a grant

Beyond Potomac's shore;

1634. The persecuted Catholics,

In sixteen thirty-four,

From England to St. Mary's came

In search of toleration,

1635-45. And Maryland was opened to

The oppressed of every nation.

Dissension came, and Clayborne twice

Against the crown rebelled;

The Protestants unjustly used

The powers that they held.

In civil wars and party strifes

The time was largely spent,

1715. Until the fourth Lord Baltimore

Secured the government.

CONNECTICUT.

The river of Connecticut
Was found by Adrian Block, 1614.
In sixteen fourteen, and the Dutch
Its trading chances took.

Earl Warwick got a grant of land, 1630.
Expressed in current notion,
"From Narragansett River to
The great Pacific Ocean."

He soon transferred his interest 1632.
To Say-and-Seal and Brooke,
Who towards the region's settlement
Some active measures took.

In sixteen hundred thirty-three
Holmes' colony was made 1633.
At Windsor; Steele then brought a band 1635.
Who near to Hartford stayed.

A hundred more, from Boston, joined 1636.
Their friends the following year,

“The light of Western Churches” styled,
Good Hooker gave them cheer.

1636. John Winthrop built the Saybrook fort,
And made a colony there,
Determined that these fertile lands
The Dutchmen should not share.

1637. The Pequod War distressed the land,
And thirty men were slain;
The Narragansetts were induced
As allies to remain
By Roger Williams, and they joined
The troops of Captain Mason,
Inflicting on the Pequod tribe
Complete extermination.

1638. John Davenport, with London friends,
Arranged New Haven’s site;
Church members were the only men
Who held the voter’s right.

1662. A Royal Charter was obtained
In sixteen sixty-two;

The Colonies of Connecticut

A bond of union drew.

When Andros came with sixty men,

The charter to revoke,

Brave Captain Wadsworth hid it safe

1687.

Within the "charter oak."

DELAWARE.

The Dutch came out to Delaware

1631.

In sixteen thirty-one,

But savages destroyed them all

Before a year was gone.

Then Swedes established colonies

1638.

In sixteen thirty-eight;

But Dutch and English finally,

Secured the little State.

NEW JERSEY.

New Jersey's settlement was made

1664.

In sixteen sixty-four,

And Carteret and Berkeley both
The landed titles bore.

1676. West Jersey passed within the hands
Of Quakers and of Penn,
Until in seventeen hundred two,
It joined the East again,
And both were subject to New York
Till seventeen thirty-eight,
1702. When Governor Lewis Morris ruled
New Jersey separate.

THE CAROLINAS.

1663. Lord Clarendon and seven friends,
In sixteen sixty-three,
Secured the Carolina lands
From Charles the Second — free.
The colonies of Albemarle
And Carteret were formed;
To Charleston's genial settlement
Both Dutch and Huguenots swarmed.

In seventeen hundred twenty-nine

A separation came;

1729.

Then Carolina, North and South,

The royal rule proclaim.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Good William Penn, in eighty-two,

1682.

Brought out a chartered right,

And bargained fairly with the Swedes

For Philadelphia's site.

He paid respect to Indian tribes,

And treated them as men;

The Indians in turn resolved

“To live in love with Penn.”

He went to England to reside

1684.

In sixteen eighty-four,

But came again in ninety-nine,

1699.

Remaining two years more.

His heirs controlled the government

Till revolution came;

1779. The State of Pennsylvania
Then paid them for their claim.

GEORGIA.

1733. Good General Oglethorpe came out,
In seventeen thirty-three,
And at Savannah formed a home,
Where debtors might be free.

KING WILLIAM'S WAR.

King William's costly war with France
For seven years was waged,
1689. Canadian, French, and Indian bands
The colonists enraged.
1690. Schenectady, and other towns,
These foes attacked and burned ;
The colonists were then aroused,
And warfare was returned.
1690. Port Royal, in Acadia,
Was plundered by a fleet,

But forces sent to Canada
Encountered sore defeat.

QUEEN ANNE'S WAR.

Queen Anne's War made with France
and Spain,

1702.

In seventeen hundred two,
Awoke the French and Indian
Hostilities anew.

The town of Deerfield was destroyed,

1704.

And all the frontier flamed;
Port Royal, by the colonists seized,
Annapolis was named.

1710.

South Carolina fruitlessly
Attacked St. Augustine;
A British fleet and troops were sent
To Boston by the Queen,
And led by Walker made attempt
Again to take Quebec:

1711.

Eight ships were lost, nine hundred men
All perished in the wreck.

KING GEORGE'S WAR.

For thirty years repose was had,
Till seventeen forty-four,
When France and England broke the peace
1744. And caused King George's War.
The English captured Louisburg,
But gave it back again,
And failing to make boundaries,
Let cause of war remain.

THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR.

1754. This brought the French and Indian War,
Disputed lands to gain,
Which sixteen million dollars cost,
And thirty thousand men.
1755. Defeat was met at Fort du Quesne,
And Braddock lost his life;

George Washington then showed his skill,
Retreating from the strife.

In fifty-eight he led the attack

1758.

Retrieving this disgrace,
And Pittsburg, named for William Pitt,
Now stands upon the place.

Crown Point, Ticonderoga, both
Were yielded by the foe,

1759.

Niagara was then obtained
By Johnson and Prideaux.

1759.

Acadia and Louisburg,
With all Cape Breton's isle,
Were gained; and Wolfe secured Quebec,
Expiring with a smile.

1757.

1759.

The Paris treaty closed the war,
In seventeen sixty-three,
And England held the continent
Across from sea to sea.

1763.

The thirteen colonies progressed
In wealth and population,

Oppressions of the parent land
Aroused their indignation.

Their manufactures were suppressed,
All foreign trade prevented,
And taxes laid by parliaments,
Where none were represented.

Their homes were searched by officers
With Writings of Assistance:

James Otis gave the trumpet call
That roused the first resistance.

1765. The Stamp Act stirred the populace,
And mobs defied the law;

The Sons of Liberty combined,
And home-made clothes they wore.

1766. The English merchants losing trade,
The Stamp Act was repealed;

Then William Pitt and Edmund Burke
Their love of right revealed.

On colors, paper, glass and tea
1767. New taxes soon were laid,

And Boston had to tolerate
An English Board of Trade.
Then England sent some soldiers out,
And passed the Mutiny Act,
Which ordered colonists to provide
All things the soldiers lacked.

Two regiments, with General Gage,

1768

On Boston town were quartered;

The State Street massacre took place;

March 5, 1770.

Three citizens were slaughtered.

The rising of the populace

Filled England with alarm;

By taking duties off of goods,

She sought to undo the harm.

But just to keep the principle,

The tax was kept on tea,

And Boston's patriots emptied out

Dec. 16, 1773.

A portion in the sea.

Of Massachusetts, General Gage

1774

The governor was made.

1774. The Boston Port Bill then was passed,
Which closed its foreign trade.

A Continental Congress held,

In seventeen seventy-four,

In Philadelphia, resolved

The English acts to ignore.

New York, Virginia, and the South

Were filled with freedom's breath,

And echoed Patrick Henry's cry

For liberty or death.

Eight hundred men were sent by Gage

For arms at Concord stored;

The famous ride of Paul Revere

Soon spread the news abroad.

April 19, 1775. The minute men at Lexington,

Opposed the advancing host:

The British fired on the band,

And eight good lives were lost.

At Concord they destroyed the stores

And hastily returned,

For all the country was aroused;
Each man for vengeance burned.
From houses, fences, trees and rocks
The musket bullets sped,
And near three hundred men were lost,
As home the soldiers fled.

Ticonderoga and Crown Point
Americans secured.

And large supplies of stores and guns
Much needed, were procured.

A second congress met to raise
An army for the land:

George Washington was authorized
To take the chief command.

Near twenty thousand fighting men
Surrounded Boston soon,

And battle raged at Bunker Hill
The seventeenth of June.

The British twice fled down the hill,
But on the third attack,

1775.

June 17, 1775.

The ammunition being spent,
They drove the "Yankees" back.

Dec. 31, 1775. Montgomery attacked Quebec,

But fell when first they fired;
They wounded Arnold, Morgan seized,
The rest in spring retired.

The Heights of Dorchester were armed
By colonists at night,

March 17, 1776. The English under General Howe
To Halifax made flight.

Eleven months they'd Boston held,
While troops besieged 't round;
They pillaged houses, rifled shops,
Profaning "holy ground."

The English fleet to Charleston sailed,
And on Fort Moultrie fired;

The Southern guns replied so well,
The shattered ships retired.

July the fourth, in seventy-six,
Was passed the Declaration

June 28, 1776.

July 4, 1776.

That made the united colonies
An independent nation.

The English, with the brothers Howe,
Embarked to seize New York;
They numbered thirty thousand men,
All eager for the work.

The battle of Long Island brought Aug. 27, 1776.
The patriots sore defeat;
In fog, they made escape, while Howe
Was waiting for the fleet.

The British followed to New York,
And Washington was found
At Harlem Heights. They moved their troops
His army to surround,
But Washington withdrew in part
His forces to White Plains,
Where soon the British general
Important victory gains.

The Hessians took Fort Washington, Oct. 28, 1776.
And lost a thousand men,

Nov. 16, 1776.

But gained two thousand patriots
To fill their prison pen.

The troops across New Jersey's land
With Washington made flight;

They crossed the ice-filled Delaware
In boats, on Christmas night;

Dec. 26, 1776. At Trenton killed some Hessian troops,
Seventy thousand more,

And safe re-crossed the Delaware;
Their loss was only four.

Again he crossed the Delaware,
At Trenton took his post,

Jan. 3, 1777. On Princeton made a night attack;
The foe three hundred lost.

The Howes, with eighteen thousand men,
Embarked for Chesapeake;
And Washington departed South,
The enemy to seek.

He placed eleven thousand men
In camp on Brandywine,

And stood at Chad's Ford to oppose
The enemy's design.

The Hessians met them at the front,

Cornwallis in the rear;

The patriot troops were put to flight;

Sept. 11, 1777.

Their losses were severe.

Pulaski and brave La Fayette

Displayed their valor well,

But British numbers won the day,

And Philadelphia fell.

Sept. 25, 1777.

Then Washington, at Germantown,

Led on a bold attack,

Oct. 4, 1777.

And though almost victorious,

The patriots fell back.

The British fleet and army gained

The forts of Delaware;

To Valley Forge the patriots marched,

For winter to prepare.

Burgoyne's ten thousand soldiers took

June, 1777.

The forts on Lake Champlain,

Aug. 16, 1777. But General Stark, at Bennington,
Resolved to die or gain.

Sept. 19 & Oct. 7. Two fights at Saratoga brought
The British woeful fates;

Oct. 17, 1777. Burgoyne surrendered up his troops
And sword to General Gates.

The British, in Connecticut,
1777. The town of Danbury burned;
Sag Harbor, burned by Colonel Meigs,
The injury returned.

The Continental soldiers strove
With hunger, sickness, cold,
And forty paper dollars bought
One dollar's worth in gold.

By Franklin's efforts was secured
The sympathy of France,
Who sent a fleet and soldiers out
The patriot cause to advance.

June 28, 1778. At Monmouth, General Clinton's troops
Were putting Lee to flight,

Then Washington led back the men,
And Clinton left at night.

The French and English navies met
Off Narragansett Bay ;
A fight was thwarted by a storm
That drove the ships away.

The massacre of Wyoming,
Enacted in July,
By tory troops and savages,
Description would defy.

The British troops in Georgia took
Savannah and Augusta,

And Prevost's force to Charleston marched,

But, met by Lincoln's muster,
They hastily retraced their steps,
Retreating to Savannah,
And Lincoln followed in the fall,
Allied with France's banner.

Attack was made ; a thousand men
And brave Pulaski fell ;

July 29, 1778.

July 3, 1778.

Dec. 29, 1778.

April 27, 1779.

May 12, 1779.

Oct. 9, 1779.

The French refused their further aid,

Although they'd fought so well.

Connecticut's most noted towns

July, 1779. By Tryon were invaded,

Who, though he burned or plundered each,

His clemency paraded.

Eight hundred men to Stony Point

July 15, 1779. Were led by General Wayne,

By strategy and night attack

The fortress they regain.

The atrocities of Wyoming

Severely were repaid

By Sullivan, who led his troops

Aug., 1779. Upon a vengeful raid.

He burned some forty villages

Among the famed Six Nations;

But Indian hatred fiercer grew,

By all these tribulations.

American success was great,

With ships and privateers;

About five hundred British ships
Were captured in three years.

Paul Jones went cruising with his fleet,

Along the English coast,
And conquered the *Serapis* there,

Sept. 23, 1779.

But *Bon Homme Richard* lost.

Then Clinton came to Charleston's siege,

Which forty days it bore,

Till Lincoln had to yield his troops

May 12, 1780.

As prisoners of war.

The British made marauding trips,

Through Carolina's lands,

Which Marion, Sumter, Pickens, Lee,

Resisted with their bands.

Then Gates marched South, the losing cause

At Camden to regain;

Cornwallis put his troops to flight,

Aug. 16, 1780.

And brave De Kalb was slain.

West Point was nearly yielded up

By Benedict Arnold's treason,

Sept. 23, 1780. But Major André's captors learned
The secret just in season.
Bad Arnold, by a messenger,
Was warned in time to fly.
Good André rules of war condemned,
They hung him as a spy.

Oct. 2, 1780. Nat Greene succeeded General Gates,
And Tarleton was defeated

Jan. 17, 1781. At Cowpens, by the Southern troops,
With Morgan. They retreated,

Jan. & Feb. 1781. And joined by Greene, the feeble band
Virginia safely gain ;
Cornwallis followed, but the streams
Were swollen by the rain.
When rested, Greene resumed the war,

March 15, 1781. At Guilford Court House fought,
Where, though the British gained the day,
The field was dearly bought.
In South Carolina Greene gave help,

Sept. 8, 1781 At Eutaw Springs gave fight,

That led the British troops to leave
For Charleston in the night.

The traitor Arnold led a force

To gratify his hate,
And burned and plundered brutally
Within Virginia's State.

Cornwallis taking Arnold's place
Destroyed ten millions' worth;

Jan., 1781.

Against his forts at Yorktown marched

The forces from the North,
Who, led by Washington, encamped
About twelve thousand strong,
Americans and Frenchmen joined,
A brave and hearty throng.

They fired ships with red-hot shells,
And forts were battered down;

Cornwallis, seeing no escape,
Surrendered up the town.

May and June,
1781.

His seven thousand troops marched out,
Gave up the arms they bore,

Oct. 19, 1781.

And all the patriots gladly hailed
The closing of the war.

A year the British Charleston held,
Prepared for warlike work,

Two years their soldiers occupied
Savannah and New York.

1783.

Lord North, by English sentiment,
His ministry resigned;

Sept. 3, 1783. In Paris, seventeen eighty-three,
The terms of peace were signed.

The struggle left America
With poverty distressed,

1787.

But Shay's rebellion at the North
By Lincoln was suppressed.

The thirteen States had through the war
Preserved confederation;

They met at Philadelphia now
To form themselves a nation.

In seventeen hundred eighty seven
They framed the Constitution,

Sept. 17, 1787.

Which came in force in eighty-nine

1789.

By general resolution.

Electors of the United States

In unity arose;

George Washington for President,

1789.

With glad acclaim they chose.

By Alexander Hamilton

Financial laws were made,

With duties on imported goods

And on the spirit trade.

The latter made the whiskey men

Against the law rebel,

1794.

And fifteen thousand men came out

The malcontents to quell.

Two armies in the West both failed

The Indians to restrain,

Until their country was laid waste

1794.

Before mad Anthony Wayne.

Affairs of state were well controlled

In Washington's eight years,

And treaties were with England made,
With Spain and with Algiers.

1797. John Adams, by the Federalists,

Was President elected ;
The alien and sedition laws
His government effected.

America fell out with France,
And many insults bore ;

Napoleon gained the Consulship,
And wisely saved a war.

1800. Dec. 14, 1799. “The Father of his Country” died
In seventeen ninety-nine ;

The homage of the land was paid
Around Mount Vernon’s shrine.

1801. The wise and brilliant Jefferson,
The “Sage of Monticello,”
Was chosen by Republicans,
John Adams’ term to follow.

Then fifteen millions, paid to France,
1803. Louisiana bought ;

And Hamilton with Aaron Burr

1804.

His deadly duel fought.

The war with Tripoli occurred

1803-05.

That pirate dues might cease;

Bombardment of the port secured

Desired terms of peace.

While French and English were at war,

Americans carried cargo,

The *Leopard* took the *Chesapeake*,

1807.

And Congress made Embargo.

Dec. 22, 1807.

Republicans as candidate

James Madison selected,

And after Jefferson's two terms

He too was twice elected.

The British roused the Indian tribes,

Who made attack by night,

At Tippecanoe, on Harrison,

Nov. 7, 1811.

But suffered in the fight.

The seamen of America

By England were impressed;

Their ships were seized and all resolved
These wrongs should be redressed.

A shot against the *President*

May 16, 1811. Was fired by *Little Belt*,

But civil answer was returned,

When the frigate's guns were felt.

The War of Eighteen Hundred Twelve

June 19, 1812. With England was declared,

And armaments on land and sea,

With vigor were prepared.

The British, under General Brock,

Advanced to take Detroit,

Aug. 16, 1812. And Hull surrendered up the place,

Disgraced by this exploit.

Another failure was sustained,

Oct. 13, 1812. Attacking Queenstown Heights;

But these disgraces were retrieved

By brilliant naval fights.

Aug. 19, 1812. The *Constitution*, Captain Hull,

Subdued the *Guerriere*;

The *Wasp* shot off the *Frolic's* crew, Oct. 18, 1812.

Until her decks were bare.

The *Macedonian* struck her flag Oct. 25, 1812.

To Commodore Decatur;

And Bainbridge took the *Java* next, Dec. 29, 1812.

And burned her three days later.

The daring Yankee privateers

Excited British fear,

For quite three hundred merchant ships

Were captured in a year.

The armies sent to Canada

Returned without success;

But Perry's vessels, on the Lakes, Sept. 10, 1813.

Brought Stars and Stripes redress.

The Indians joined the British troops,

And fought both South and West;

Tecumseh's death, at River Thames, Oct. 5, 1813.

Their savage zeal depressed.

The *Hornet* took the *Peacock*, brig, Feb. 24, 1813.

And sank her by her cannon;

June 1, 1813. But Lawrence, in the *Chesapeake*,
Fell victim to the *Shannon*.

The British ships made ravages
Along the Southern coast,
And many of the citizens
Their homes and fortunes lost.

July 5, 1814. Scott won the fight at Chippewa,

July 25, 1814. And also Lundy's Lane;
McDonough took the British fleet,

Sept. 11, 1814. That fought on Lake Champlain.

Aug. 24, 1814. The British captured Washington,

Sept. 12, 1814. But failed at Baltimore;
They captured ships and plundered towns
Along the Northern shore.

December twenty-fourth, at Ghent,

Dec. 24, 1814. A treaty settled peace;

Jan. 8, 1815. But Jackson won New Orleans' fight
Before the war could cease.

To fill the Presidential chair,

1817. Monroe two terms was sought;

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|---|----------------|
| Missouri Compromise was made | March 3, 1820. |
| And Florida was bought. | 1819. |
| John Quincy Adams next in turn | 1825. |
| Four years secured the seat; | |
| Protective tariffs were enforced, | |
| And brought about defeat. | |
| Then Andrew Jackson served eight years, | 1829. |
| And put down "Nullification;" | 1832. |
| He let the victors share the spoils | |
| In office by "rotation." | |
| By limiting the public Bank, | 1833. |
| All commerce was distressed; | |
| In Black Hawk's War, the Indians | 1832. |
| Were conquered in the West. | |
| The Seminoles, in Florida, | |
| By Osceola led, | |
| For years maintained a bloody war; | |
| They slaughtered Major Dade. | Dec. 28, 1835. |
| Van Buren, by the Democrats, | |
| Was chosen for a term; | 1837. |

A crisis came in thirty-seven—

1837.

A great financial storm.

1837-38.

Rebellion in the Canadas

An English war fomented;

The “Northeast Boundary” fanned the flame,

But bloodshed was prevented.

1841.

The Whigs elected Harrison,

April 4, 1841.

Who served a month and died;

And Tyler, the Vice-President,

Was called on to preside.

He vetoed measures of the Whigs;

1842.

Rhode Island quelled sedition;

The Southern Ocean was explored

1842.

By Wilkes’ Expedition;

1844.

The “Anti-Renters,” in New York,

By force of arms were quelled;

1845.

The Mormons, out of Illinois,

By riots were expelled.

1845.

The Democrats elected Polk,

Though Whigs supported Clay;

Both Oregon and Texas formed
The questions of the day.

The Northwest Boundary Line was fixed,

And Texas was annexed;

1845.

But Mexico still claimed this State,

And thus to war was vexed.

Then Taylor marched to Rio Grande,

At Palo Alto fought;

May 8, 1846.

Resaca de la Palma too,

May 9, 1846.

A brilliant victory brought.

He gained the day at Monterey,

Sept. 24, 1846.

And Buena Vista won,

Feb. 23, 1847.

Though Santa Anna bravely fought

Till setting of the sun.

New Mexico was quickly gained

By General Kearney then,

And California was won

By John C. Frémont's men.

Then Winfield Scott took Vera Cruz;

March 29, 1847.

Through several fights he bore

Sept. 14, 1847. The Stars and Stripes to Mexico,

Feb. 2, 1848. And treaty closed the war.

1846. Wilmot's Proviso aimed to keep

All slavery from new States;

This roused the people North and South

To violent debates.

In forty-eight a workman found

The California gold;

And thousands flocked from all the lands

Where'er the tale was told.

1849. The Whigs now Zachary Taylor chose,

Who died the following year;

And Millard Fillmore occupied

The Presidential chair.

Domestic slavery now became

The question of the day,

And compromises were secured

By Webster and by Clay.

1850. The "fillibusters" made attempts

For Cuba's annexation;

But Lopez met defeat and death,
And roused Spain's indignation.

The Democrats now gained the day,

Electing Franklin Pierce;

1853.

The Kansas and Nebraska Bill

May, 1854.

Made slavery conflicts fierce.

Ten millions, paid to Mexico,

Arranged the boundary line,

And Perry's visit caused Japan

Trade privilege to assign.

1854

Buchanan next was President,

1857.

And during his four years,

Discussions upon slavery

Excited general fears.

Some Northern States opposed the law

That fugitives returned;

John Brown an insurrection made,

1859.

And Southern anger burned.

When Abraham Lincoln gained his place,

1861.

Seven Southern States seceded,

Dec. 20, 1860.

Feb. 4, 1861. And organized Confederate States,
By Jefferson Davis headed.

April 12, 1861. Fort Sumter yielded; Northern blood

April 19, 1861. In Baltimore was shed;
Virginia was the battle ground

To which the troops were led.
The Northerners sustained defeat

July 21, 1861. At the Battle of Bull Run;

1861. At Carthage, Wilson's Creek, Ball's Bluff.
The South more victories won.

The North some minor battles gained,
Gave Border States their aid,
And off the seaports of the South
Their ships maintained blockade.

Commissioners, from Southern States,

Nov. 8, 1861. Were seized on board the *Trent*;
When England made remonstrances,
Apologies were sent.

1862. Fort Henry and Fort Donaldson,
With Island Number Ten,

Shiloh and Murfreesborough's fights,

Were won by Northern men.

Antietam's indecisive fight

Sept. 17, 1862.

Made Lee's command fall back;

And thus protected Washington

From danger of attack.

The *Monitor* whipped the *Merrimac*,

March 19, 1862.

Preventing great defeat;

New Orleans was forced to yield

April 25, 1862.

To Farragut with his fleet;

Confederate victories were won

By Jackson and by Lee;

Then Lincoln's Proclamation came,

Jan. 1, 1863.

That made the negroes free.

The South at Chickamauga won,

Sept. 20, 1863.

And Chancellorsville was gained;

May 3, 1863.

In Charleston, spite of all attacks,

The Southern troops remained.

The Northern forces Vicksburg gained,

May, 1863.

And Chattanooga's height;

Nov. 25, 1863.

July 1-3, 1863. The three days' fight at Gettysburg,
Turned Lee's advance to flight.

May, 1864. The Wilderness, and other fields,
Were won by General Lee,

Nov., 1864. But Sherman made his famous march
Through Georgia to the sea,
And Northern armies gained success
Throughout the South and West,
While "on to Richmond" General Grant
With firm persistence pressed.

Through Carolina Sherman marched,
Columbia was taken ;

Feb. 17, 1865. And Charleston threatened in the rear,
By Southerners was forsaken.

On April third, in sixty-five,
Lee out of Richmond fled,

April 3, 1865. And on the ninth surrendered up
The troops he'd bravely led.

April 9, 1865. This civil war, they estimate,
Three thousand millions cost,

And on both sides, 'tis probable.

A million lives were lost.

A second term as President

To Lincoln was secured;

Booth killed him by a pistol shot,

April 14, 1865.

When peace was just assured.

Then Andrew Johnson measures took

The Union to restore;

He freely pardoned all the South,

Except the chief in war.

But Congress, favoring sterner plans,

His vetoes set aside;

With "carpet-bag" and negro rule

The Southern States were tried.

Impeachment of the President

1868.

Failed only by one vote;

The "Freedman's Bureau," "Civil Rights,"

Were measures of great note.

Atlantic Cable then was laid,

July, 1866.

Alaska's lands were bought;

1867.

1868. A treaty was with China made;
In Canada Fenians fought.

1869. Now Grant became the President;
Two terms his valor earned;
Pacific Railroad crossed the land;
Prosperity returned.

Oct. 8, 1871. Great fires in Chicago raged,
In Boston and the West;

Nov. 9, 1872. The threatening "Alabama Claims,"
Geneva's Board redressed.

1873. Financial crisis came again,
Through railroads' bad condition;
In Philadelphia was held
Centennial Exhibition.

1876. The votes securing Tilden's seat,
Conflicting questions raise;
Electoral commission finds
One extra vote for Hayes.

1877. A railroad strike 'gainst lower pay,
Produced the Pittsburg riot;

A hundred lives were sacrificed,

Before restoring quiet.

Five millions and a half were paid

As fishery award;

1878.

And specie payments through the land

Were finally restored.

Then Garfield was made President,

1881.

But fell by Guiteau's hand;

July 2, 1881.

And Arthur filled the vacant place,

Sept. 26, 1881.

As ruler of the land.

SUMMARY OF COLONIES AND STATES.

The first enduring settlement,

Where English people stayed,

At Jamestown, in Virginia,

1607.

In sixteen seven was made.

In sixteen thirteen, at New York,

1613.

Wrecked Dutchmen built a shanty;

To Massachusetts Pilgrims came,

In sixteen hundred twenty.

1620.

1623. New Hampshire's lands were occupied
In sixteen twenty-three ;

1634. In thirty-four, to Maryland,
Came Catholics 'cross the sea,
From thirty-three to thirty-six

1633-36. Connecticut was won ;

1636. In thirty-six, by William's friends,
Rhode Island was begun.

1638. The Swedes encamped in Delaware
In sixteen thirty-eight ;
In sixty-four Elizabethtown

1664. Began New Jersey's State.

1664. The English navy took New York
In sixteen sixty-four ;
And from this time the colony
An English title bore.

Year sixteen hundred sixty-five,

1665 Is North Carolina's date ;

In sixteen seventy began

1670. South Carolina's State.

Penn came to Pennsylvania

1682.

In sixteen eighty-two;

In seventeen hundred thirty-three

To Georgia debtors go.

1733.

These thirteen States the Union formed,

And scarce three millions held;

Now thirty-eight compose the land,

With fifty millions filled.

Now ten large territories lie

Around the Western border,

And twenty-five new States have been

Admitted in this order:

Vermont, Kentucky, Tennessee,

{ 1791.

{ 1792.

{ 1796.

Ohio, Louisiana —

{ 1802.

{ 1812.

The latter fairly bought from France —

The next was Indiana.

1816.

Then Mississippi, Illinois,

{ 1817.

{ 1818.

With Alabama, Maine;

{ 1819.

{ 1820.

Missouri and Arkansas next,

{ 1821.

{ 1836.

And then came Michigan.

1837.

1845. Now Florida and Texas next,
1846. With Iowa come on;
1848. } 1850. } Wisconsin, California,
1858. } 1859. } Minnesota, Oregon.
1861. } 1863. } Then Kansas, West Virginia;
1864. Nevada forms a State;
1867. } 1870. } Nebraska, Colorado close
The number thirty-eight.

THE PRESIDENTS.

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|---|---------------------------|
| First Washington, Adams and Jefferson came ; | { 1789. 1797. 1801. |
| Then Madison ; next James Monroe ; | { 1809. 1817. |
| With John Quincy Adams's notable name, | 1825. |
| Andrew Jackson, Van Buren must go. | { 1829. 1837. |
| Then Harrison, Tyler and Polk took their turn | { 1841. 1841. 1845. |
| With Taylor and Fillmore and Pierce ; | { 1849. 1849. 1853. |
| Buchanan and Lincoln the honor next earn, | { 1857. 1861. |
| And Johnson, through murder so fierce. | 1865. |
| Then Grant for two terms was supreme in | 1869. |
| the land ; | |
| And the seat was next given to Hayes ; | 1877. |
| When Garfield had died by a murderous hand, | 1881. |
| Then Arthur to power they raise. | 1881. |

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